GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched any compaign against corruption and conducted raids in various departments during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount/property seized during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the officers found guilty after these raids are still in service;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of officers against whom action has been recommended by the Government during the said period;

(f) whether the Government have noticed any loopholes in registering corruption cases against a person resulting in his acquittal by the court;

(g) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(h) the reasons for acquittals by court in corruption cases during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): Yes Sir. It has been the endeavour of the Government to root out corruption from public life. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducts raids from time to time to detect and weed out corruption. During last three years, the CBI had conducted five (5) Special Drives in this regard.

(b): The CBI has informed that it had registered 174 cases against officials working in various Government Ministries/Departments, employees of public sector undertakings and banks and private persons. During the afore-mentioned Special Drives, the CBI either seized or detected cash amounting Rs. 109.70 lakhs and $ 2470, other investments worth Rs. 800.04 lakhs, movable and immovable properties worth Rs. 1506.28 lakhs and Idols and antiques worth Rs. 100 lakhs approximately.

(c) & (d): The raids are conducted to unearth illegally acquired money and to check corrupt activities. Guilt of the officials found involved during raids have to be established in courts of law and following conviction of Regular Departmental Action dismissal or removal from the service can be ordered.

(e): The respective disciplinary authorities take action as per rules and regulations against the officials after the raids. Such figures are not centrally maintained.

(f),(g) & (h): The CBI has reported that reasons of acquittals are that due to long delays in concluding the trials complainants lose interest or are won over by the defence, independent witnesses are not able to recall properly the events during the trial and also distortion of voice/wash samples due to storage over long period of time.